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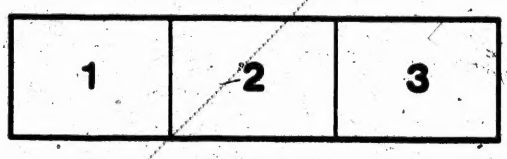

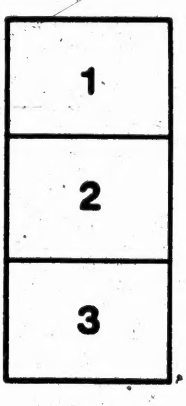

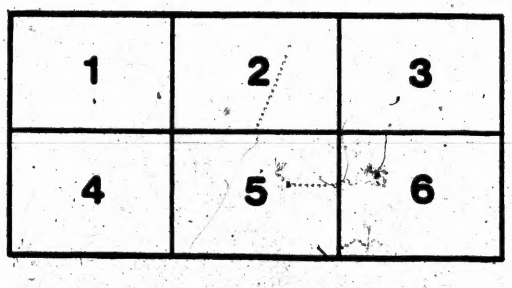

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CONSTITUTION,

BY-LAWS,

AND

RULES OF ORDER, &c.,

OF

BISSELL LODGE, No. 51, I. O. O. F.,

MITCHELL, ONT.

MITCHELL:

DAVIS BROS., PRINTERS, "ADVOCATE" STEAM PRINTING HOUSE.

1875.

CONSTITUTION

AND

BY-LAWS,

AND

RULES OF ORDER, &c.,

OF

RUSSELL LODGE, No. 151, I. O. O. F.,

OF

MIDDLETOWN, CONN.

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CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

For the purpose of ensuring, as much as possible, uniformity in the administration of the principles, honor and benefits of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, within its jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of Ontario—the Superior Tribunal of all Lodges within the Limits of the Province of Ontario—doth hereby Ordain the following Articles, as the Constitution of all Subordinate Lodges, working under its immediate jurisdiction.

ARTICLE I.—TITLE AND POWERS.

This Lodge shall be constituted of at least Five members of the Scarlet Degree, and shall be hailed and entitled

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and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge, holding a legal, unreclaimed and valid Charter, duly granted and formally presented by the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

ADMISSION.

CLAUSE 1.—Candidates for Membership by Initiation in this Lodge must be 21 years of age, of good moral character, and in sound health, and resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge at least six months.

CLAUSE 2.—Every proposition for membership must be submitted in writing by a Brother of this Lodge, and must state the name of the

Applicant, and his residence, age, and occupation, supported by a reference to at least one other Member of the Lodge.

CLAUSE 3.—The proposition so made shall be referred to a Committee of three Brothers, two of whom shall be appointed by the N. G., and one by the V. G., and who shall report thereon at the next meeting.

CLAUSE 4.—A ballot shall be taken on the proposition, immediately after the presentation of such report; when, if less than three black balls be found, the Candidate shall be accepted; if three or more, he shall be rejected, and so declared.

CLAUSE 5.—Any Brother or Ancient Odd Fellow, desirous of joining this Lodge, must present a Card of Clearance or Dismissal Certificate from the Lodge of which he was previously a member; and his application shall then be disposed of according to the above regulations.

CLAUSE 6.—Every member, on his admission, shall sign a promise to support and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Lodge, and to pay all legal demands against him, so long as he shall remain a member.

CLAUSE 7.—Any Candidate requiring admission more than thirteen weeks after his election, must be again proposed and balloted for, as in the case of a new candidate.

CLAUSE 8.—The rejection of any Candidate for membership shall be immediately intimated to every Subordinate Lodge in the City, Town or Village in which such rejection takes place, and to R. W. Grand Secretary, of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, monthly.

CLAUSE 9.—No Candidate who has been rejected can be again proposed for membership, until, at least, six months after such rejection.

DEGREES.

CLAUSE 10.—Every Brother, previous to his receiving any of the Five Degrees, shall present a certificate from the P. S. that he is not in arrears to the Lodge, and that he has paid all charges for the said Degrees, and shall then be balloted for.

CLAUSE 11.—If, on such ballot, his application be opposed by more than three of the Members present, it shall be rejected; otherwise, he shall be considered eligible, and shall be admitted to the Degree or Degrees in question.

CLAUSE 12.—No certificate for Degree shall be granted until after the Candidate shall have paid the amount required therefor.

CLAUSE 13.—No Brother having been less than one month in membership, shall be eligible for Degrees; and not more than three Degrees shall be conferred any Brother at one and the same meeting, except by dispensation.

CLAUSE 14.—Any Brother in good standing and clear of the books, desiring to withdraw from a Lodge, may signify such desire either personally in open Lodge or by letter addressed to the Secretary, whereupon the Lodge shall proceed to a ballot, with ball ballots, and a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to the granting a Card of Withdrawal. If a majority of the members present

refuse to grant such card, the applicant therefor may tender a written resignation of his membership, and shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary under the Seal of the Lodge, a certificate that he has resigned membership, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the Brother was in good standing at the time of his resignation; Provided, that upon the refusal of the Card the member applying for the same shall have the right to appeal to the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 15.—Should any Brother, receiving a Card of Clearance from this Lodge, apply within twelve months thereafter to be again admitted a member of this Lodge, and be accepted, the Lodge may remit in his favor the Entrance Fee, or such proportion thereof as it may think fit.

ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

CLAUSE 1.—The Elective Officers of thisLodge shall be Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary, P. Secretary, and Treasurer; and the Lodge may also provide, by its By-laws, for the election of a Degree Master and a Physician.

CLAUSE 2.—Any Brother to be nominated for the office of D. M., must be a P. G. having the three P. O. Degrees; for the office of N. G., a V. G., or P. V. G.; and all other Elective Officers, except Physician, a Brother who has served at least twenty-six nights in some inferior office, and has attained to the Scarlet Degree.

CLAUSE 3.—All officers shall be eligible for election.

CLAUSE 4.—Nominations for the Elective Offices shall be made only at the two meetings next preceding that fixed for the Elections thereto, except when the nominees for an office are all absent without excuse, or decline serving.

CLAUSE 5.—No brother shall be nominated, who has not signified his willingness to accept the office for which he may be named; and no nomination shall be held to be in force, on proceeding to election, unless the Brother so nominated be then present, or has sent to the Lodge a sufficient excuse in writing.

CLAUSE 6.—The election of officers shall take place at the last regular meeting in each term, except in the case of the D. M., P. S., and Physician, who shall be elected to serve for a term of six or twelve months, as the Lodge by its By-laws determine.

CLAUSE 7.—If, for any elective office, only one Brother shall be in nomination, such Brother shall be balloted for by some member, and declared elected unanimously; should there be two or more candidates duly nominated, the members present shall proceed to elect one of such candidated by ballot.

CLAUSE 8.—A majority of all the legal votes cast shall be necessary to election; should there be no choice of an officer at any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place, and after each ballot, the name of the candidate who may have received the smallest number of votes shall be withdrawn.

CLAUSE 9.—Every Lodge within the Jurisdiction shall, at its first meeting in the month of July, annually, elect by ballot from amongst its Past Grands in good standing, a Representative or Representatives as follows, that is to say: One Representative where the number of members returned in the next preceding semi-annual report shall be 100 or less; over 100 and under 200, two Representatives; over 200, three Representatives.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

CLAUSE 10.—The appointed Officers of this Lodge shall be W., C., O. G., I. G., R. S. N. G., L. S. N. G., R. S. V. G., L. S. V. G. and R. and L. S. S.; and the Lodge may, at its option, add a Chaplain.

CLAUSE 11.—These Officers shall be appointed by the N. G. immediately after his Installation; except the R. and L. S. V. G., who shall be nominated at the same period by the V. G.

CLAUSE.—12 All Brothers appointed as Officers must be in good standing, and the W., O. G. and I. G., must have attained the Scarlet Degree.

CLAUSE 13.—The N. G. with the consent of the Lodge, may appoint as O. G. a Brother of the Scarlet Degree belonging to any other Lodge.

VACANCIES.

CLAUSE 14.—Any office, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse from three successive regular meetings, may be declared vacant by vote of the Lodge, on a motion to that effect; provided notice of such motion has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is taken.

CLAUSE 15.—Any vacancy in office shall be filled by election or appointment as the case may be, in the manner as provided for in the previous Sections; and Brothers, so elected or appointed, shall be entitled to all the privileges of the office, provided they complete the term.

DUTIES AND POWERS.

CLAULE 16.—The Officers of this Lodge shall perform such duties, and be invested with such powers, as are prescribed by the Charge-Books and Usages of the Order, and the Laws of the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 17.—This Lodge shall have authority to add thereto such duties and powers, as may not be inconsistent with the provisions of the preceding Clause of this Section.

ARTICLE IV.—SESSIONS, TERMS AND RETURNS.

SESSIONS.

CLAUSE 1.—This Lodge shall hold its meetings weekly or fortnightly

on such evening and at such time as may be provided by its By-laws; Provided always, that as decided by the Grand Lodge of the United States, twenty-six nights' service be required as the term of office.

Clause 2.—Special Sessions may be called by the N. G., such notice thereof being given as may be required by the By-laws of the Lodge. The notice shall contain the particular reason for calling the same, and no business but that expressed in such notice shall be entered upon at such special meeting.

Clause 3.—No business shall be transacted at any regular or special meeting unless at least five members of this Lodge be then present; nor otherwise than according to the Rules of Order, annexed to this Constitution.

Clause 4.—Members of the Order may be admitted as visitors, provided they give the Pass-Word for the current Term, upon presentation of a proper Card, or are introduced by an Elective Officer of the Grand Lodge.

Clause 5.—This Lodge shall have no power to resolve itself, at any time, into Committee of the Whole.

TERMS.

Clause 6.—The Terms of this Lodge shall be Semi-Annual or Annual, as provided by its By-laws, and shall commence on the first regular meeting in July and January respectively if semi-annual; and on the first regular meeting in July, if annual. Should the D. M., P. S., or Physician, be elected semi-annually, their Terms shall commence at the first regular meetings in July and January respectively; and, if annually, then at the first regular meeting in July.

Clause 7.—Every Term shall be held to close on the day on which the succeeding one may commence.

RETURNS.

Clause 8.—It shall be the duty of the last Past Officers to prepare and forward to the Grand Secretary of Ontario immediately on the expiry of their Term of Office, a regular Return of the work of such Term, with the result of the Election of Officers, &c., in accordance with such blank form of Semi-Annual Return, as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct to be used.

Clause 9.—Such semi-annual return shall be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Lodge; the same being twenty-five cents for each unsuspended member on such return.

Clause 10.—A fine of two dollars shall be payable by this Lodge, for every month that may elapse after the close of any Semi-Annual term previous to the Returns required by Clause 8 being placed in the possession of the Grand Lodge.

Clause 11.—Should this Lodge, or the Officers thereof, fail to make the returns required by the preceding Clauses, for twelve months, it shall thereby become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter; and it shall be the duty of the last installed Officer to transmit or surrender

to the Grand Master, on requisition from him to that effect, (or to such other Brother as may be appointed, by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master to receive the same,) the Charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

ARTICLE V.—FUNDS.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

CLAUSE 1.—There shall be two regular Funds of this Lodge, to be known respectively as the Widows and Orphans' Fund and the General Benefit Fund; and the Lodge may provide, by its By-Laws, for the institution of a Special Fund or Funds for any of the benevolent purposes contemplated by the Order; Provided always, that in the case of every such Special Fund, the receipts and disbursements on account thereof shall be kept altogether distinct from the Regular Funds hereby established.

CLAUSE 2.—The enterance Fee of this Lodge must be paid in every case previous to the admission of the Candidate, and shall not be less than Five Dollars.

CLAUSE 3.—The Charges for Degrees shall not be at a less rate than One Dollar for each of the Five Degrees; and all moneys received on account of Degree Charges shall be applied to the General Benefit Fund.

CLAUSE 4.—The contributions of each Member to the regular Benefit Funds of this Lodge, shall be determined by the By-Laws, but shall not be at less rate than One Dollar per Quarter; this Lodge shall place such portion of its general funds to the credit of the W. and O. fund as it may see fit, provided it be not less than one-fifth nor more than one-third, the remainder to be placed to the credit of the General Benefit Fund.

CLAUSE 5.—The Lodge shall have the power of enacting such Fees for Visiting and Clearance Cards, (to be applied to the General Fund) and such fines for neglect of duty, &c., (to be applied to the Widows and Orphans' Fund), as may be determined by the By-Laws.

DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAUSE 6.—Every member, qualified as required by the By-Laws if rendered incapable of following his usual occupation, by sickness or disability, not occassioned by immoral conduct on his part, shall be entitled to receive from the General Fund, such weekly Sick Benefit as may be fixed by the By-Laws; and that this Lodge shall not be held to pay such benefit for any term of sickness shorter than one week, unless specially so provided by its By-Laws.

CLAUSE 7.—The Lodge shall, by its By-Laws, make such provision as it may deem fit, for the payment out of its general fund of benefits, to defray the Funeral Expenses of a Brother or Brother's Wife, and for the relief of brothers in distress or other deserving persons, and also for the payment from its Widows' and Orphans' Fund of benefits, for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Brothers.

CLAUSE 8.—The Lodge shall make such disposition of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, for the relief and benefit of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Brothers of this Lodge, by annuity or otherwise, as it shall see fit; Provided always that no annuity shall exceed the amount that would be contributed, by any one member, to such Widows' and Orphan's Fund, within the space of twenty-five years, under the By-Laws of the Lodge; and that, if relief be otherwise given, the amount shall in no case exceed four times the limit thus fixed for annuities.

ARTICLE VI.—PENALTIES AND TRIAL.

PENALTIES.

CLAUSE 1.—Any Brother who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or infringe the Constitution or By-Laws of this Lodge, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the By-Laws may direct, ancient usage require, or the Lodge determine.

CLAUSE 2.—Every Brother charged with any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion; (unless for non-payment of dues,) shall be entitled to a fair trial, in accordance with the provisions of Clause 8 of this Article.

CLAUSE 3.—When any Brother, suspended for a definite period, desires to be re-instated, his case may be referred to a Committee of five Brothers, who, after due investigation, shall report at the next regular meeting; and if a majority of the members then present shall vote in his favor, he shall thereupon be declared eligible for re-instatement.

CLAUSE 4.—At the end of every month, the Recording Secretary shall fill out and forward to the Grand Secretary, a list containing the names of members reinstated during the month also those who have ceased membership for non-payment of dues, and the names of members suspended and expelled during the same time, in each case giving date and cause of suspension and expulsion.

CLAUSE 5.—No Brother who has been legally expelled, or who has ceased to be a member for non-payment of dues, except members of defunct Lodges, shall be again admitted to membership in any Lodge of this Order without the consent of the Lodge from which he was expelled or dropped, and in no case shall be re-admitted without compliance with all the forms for new applicants, excepting the ceremony of initiation. The Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive from each Subordinate, the sum of fifty cents a year, payable half-yearly, for each unsuspended member on its books, as shown by its semi-annual returns.

TRIALS.

CLAUSE 6.—No Member of this Lodge shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his alleged offence shall first be submitted to the Lodge in writing, by one or more Brothers of the Order in good standing.

CLAUSE 7.—Any charge or charges so preferred shall be referred to a committee of Five Members, of whom there shall be a quorum, to be chosen by ballot: which committee shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, furnish the accused with a copy of the charge or charges, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question. In selecting this Committee, only one name shall be written on any ballot.

CLAUSE 8.—Should the decision of the Committee not involve the suspension or expulsion of a Member, and should no appeal be made therefrom, it shall be final, without further action from the Lodge.

CLAUSE 9.—Should the Committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a member, a motion to that effect shall be submitted to the Lodge by three or more of their number, in their name.

CLAUSE 10.—Any motion for the suspension or expulsion of a Member shall be announced at the two regular meetings previous to that on which it is to be decided, which last meeting the Brother under charges shall be summond to attend; and at the time so appointed whether the implicated Brother be present or not, the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine the question.

CLAUSE 11.—The Lodge shall have the power at the meeting appointed for the decision, to vary penalty to one more or less severe than that contained in the motion submitted by the Committee.

APPEALS.

CLAUSE 12.—Any party interested shall have the right of appeal to the Lodge from the decision of the Committee, given under clause 9 of this Article; and notice of the meeting appointed for trying the appeal, shall be given at least one regular meeting previous.

CLAUSE 13.—On the evening appointed, the Committee shall present to the Lodge, in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded, and the parties interested shall have the privilege of being heard before the Lodge, and the decision shall then be confirmed annulled or modified, as a majority of the members present shall determine.

CLAUSE 14.—Any party interested may appeal to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, on the ground of informality or want of fairness; and if such informality or want of fairness be proved, but not otherwise, the Lodge may be ordered by the Grand Lodge to hold a new trial on the same charges, in the mode provided for in Clauses 7 to 12 of this Article; Provided always that such appeal be forwarded to the R. W. Grand Secretary within three months from the date of the final action of the Lodge in the matter to be appealed against.

ARTICLE VII.—REGALIA AND JEWELS.

REGALIA.

CLAUSE 1.—The Regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit: Col-

lars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree intended to be presented, namely: First degree, white; second degree, pink; third degree, blue; fourth degree, green; fifth degree, scarlet; rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn on the collars. Among those who may have attained the Royal Purple Degree, rosettes composed of black, yellow, and purple, may be worn on the collar, either in connection with the other collars or as a separate rosette. The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice-Grand, blue collar; Secretary, green collar; Treasurer, green collar; each of them trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of Noble Grand, scarlet sashes; of the Vice-Grand, blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, red sash; Inside Guardian, blue sash.

JEWELS.

CLAUSE 2.—The jewel of a P. G. is a five-pointed star; of a Noble Grand, crossed gavels; of Vice Grand, hour glass; of Secretary, crossed pens; of Treasurer, crossed keys; of Warden, crossed wands; of Conductor, crossed axes; of Guardian, crossed swords; all to be of white metal

FUNERAL REGALIA.

CLAUSE 3.—Funeral regalia consists of a black crape rosette, having a centre of the color of the highest degree to which the wearer has attained, to be worn on the left breast, with a sprig of evergreen above, and such jewel or jewels as the Brother may be entitled to wear, suspended below. Grand Lodges may at their discretion, permit the ordinary regalia to be worn at funerals, either in connection with, or as a substitute for this simple regalia.

CLAUSE 4.—The ordinary mourning badge to be worn by Brothers in memory of deceased Brother, is a strip of black crape passed through one buttonhole of the left lappel of the coat, tied with a narrow ribbon of the color of the highest Degree the wearer has attained.

CLAUSE 5.—Past Officers and Members of the Encampment Degrees, and all other members of the Order, WHEN VISITING Grand or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, are entitled to wear the Regalia and Jewels pertaining to the highest Degree they have taken.—(By-laws G. L. U. S., Art. 24.)

CLAUSE 6.—The Encampment Regalia (EXCEPT BY VISITORS) can only be worn in an Encampment; but Members of a Grand Lodge who have received the Royal Purple Degree, may wear the *Colors* of the Encampment in a Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE VIII.—BY-LAWS, &C.

BY-LAWS.

CLAUSE 1.—This Lodge shall stand fully invested with the power to adopt, from time to time, such By-Laws and Resolutions as may be

deemed expedient; Provided they do not in anywise contravene any part of this Constitution; the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, or the principles or customs of the Order.

CLAUSE 2.—All such By-laws shall be immediately forwarded in duplicate to the Grand Secretary, authenticated by the Seal of the Lodge, and the signature of its N. G. and Secretary; one copy to be retained by the Grand Lodge, and the other to be returned to the Lodge, certified as approved, or otherwise, as the case may be.

DISPENSATION.

CLAUSE 3.—The Grand Lodge or, in its recess, the Grand Master, shall have power to grant Dispensations to any Lodge, to exempt it, in any particular case, from the operation of any of the foregoing Regulations, other than financial, whenever the Grand Lodge or Grand Master may deem it for the welfare and interest of the Order so to do.

CLAUSE 4.—Such charge shall be made for Dispensations issued under this Section, as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct.

AMENDMENTS.

CLAUSE 5.—This Constitution, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled, unless by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

BY-LAWS.

MEETINGS.

1.—The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held on Monday evening of each week, from 1st April to the 1st October, at 8 o'clock; and from 1st October to 1st April at 7:30 o'clock; and special meetings may be called by the N. G., or, in the absence of that officer, by the V. G., at the request of five Scarlet members. In no case shall a special meeting be called without notices by circular having been sent by the Secretary twenty-four hours previous to such meeting to every member except in cases where the sickness or death of a brother is the cause of the meeting.

2.—Five scarlet members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

REGALIA.

3.—All officers shall wear the regalia of their respective offices while present in Lodge.

4.—No brother shall be allowed to vote, unless in the full regalia appertaining to his Degree or rank in the Lodge.

MEMBERSHIP.

5.—The proposer of a candidate for membership in this Lodge shall deposit in the hands of the P.S., at the time of his making such proposition, the sum of $2, which shall be placed to the credit of the candidate's initiation fee, provided he shall appear for initiation within the required time; otherwise, such deposit shall be placed to the credit of the Widows and Orphans' Fund. Should the candidate be rejected, the amount of proposition fee will be refunded.

DUTY TO EXPEL.

6.—Should it, at any time, appear to the satisfaction of this Lodge, that misrepresentation has been made by a brother, in order to be-

come a member thereof, he shall be liable to a charge, and if on evidence, after due trial, in accordance with clause 2, Article 6, of the Constitution, he be found guilty, he may be reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, as the Lodge may determine.

VISITING CARDS.

7.—A brother in good standing, and clear on the books, by a motion to that effect in open Lodge, may obtain a visiting card, by paying thirty cents for the same, and all dues accruing for the period for which such card may be given.

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

8.—It shall be the duty of the Junior P. G., of the Lodge, to attend regularly the meetings of the Lodge, and to act in the capacity of sitting P. G. for the term; to deliver the charge of that office at initiations, or see that the same be done; to register, in a book to be kept for that purpose, the name and residence of every widow, and the name, age and residence of every orphan child, receiving benefit from the funds of the Lodge; to watch over their welfare and interest; to visit them, if residing within five miles of the Lodge, at least once a month; to report their condition to the Lodge, whenever occasion may require; to perform all other duties appertaining to the office, and to act as outside conductor,

9.—It shall be the duty of the N. G. to preside in the Lodge, and enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-laws, and a proper respect for the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario; to see that all the officers of the Lodge and members of Committees perform their respective duties, as enjoined by the respective charges and laws; to take care that all fines, not requiring the vote of the Lodge for their imposition, be punctually charged on the books of the P. S.; to exercise a vigilant supervision in regard to all irregularities subjecting brothers to fine or other penalty at the vote of the Lodge, and to bring the same officially, whenever known to him, under the consideration of the Lodge, without fear or favor; to take charge of the Charter, and to have it always in the Lodge when in session; to summon special meetings whenever he may consider it necessary, or when requested to do so by five Scarlet members in good standing; to appoint all officers and committees originally filled by his appointment; to ascertain and announce to the Lodge the result of all Ballotings and other votes; receive reports of Committees on Character, discharge said Committees, and other candidates to be balloted for; receive propositions for membership, and refer them to investigation Committees; receive reports of Officers and standing Committees, other than financial; receive communications and order them to be filed, accounts and refer them to Finance Committee, without submitting them to the vote of the Lodge, unless objections be raised thereto by at least two members of this Lodge in good standing; to give the

casting vote, whenever requisite, on any matter or question before the Lodge; to present a Copy of the Constitution and By-laws to every brother on his admission; to examine the Treasurer's pass-book, and see that the money received the previous Lodge-night be regularly entered therein; to ascertain from the P. S., previous to closing the Lodge, the amount of his receipts since last Lodge-night, and from the Treasurer whether he has received the same; to cause the Secretary to invite brothers to attend the funeral of every deceased brother; to take charge of such funerals in the absence of competent relations, and to receive account of, and regulate the disbursements; to draw upon the Treasurer for all sums voted by the Lodge, or necessary for the payment of any benefit provided by these laws; to be an *ex officio* member of all Special or Standing Committees; to act as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Visiting Committee, and to perform all other duties appertaining to his office, by the Constitution or By-laws of this Lodge, or by the charges and usages of the Order. The N. G. shall not make or second any motion nor take part in any debate while in the chair.

10.—It shall be the duty of the V. G. to assist the N. G., while presiding in the Lodge, and, in his absence, to take the chair; to appoint his own supporters, and a minority of all Committees on Character; to assist in the examination of the ballot-box at elections for membership, and announce the result thereof to the N. G.; to act as a member of the Visiting Committee, and, whenever the N. G. may be absent, as its Chairman; to take special charge of the door, under the N. G.; and to perform such other duties as are required by the charges and usages of the Order.

11.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Lodge; to take charge of and safely keep the Seal; to keep carefully, and in good order, all books, papers, and other property belonging to his office, and to deliver up the same in like good order for his successor; to fill up all certificates and cards granted by the Lodge; to write and duly despatch all communications, and punctually to issue all notices required by order of the N. G., or of the Lodge; to inform all rejected candidates of the fact of their rejection, in case where the brothers proposing such candidates may decline to do so, but without disclosing any other circumstance or proceeding connected therewith; to examine the Black Book in reference to all propositions for membership, and to acquaint the Committees on Character in each case, with the result of such examination; to attest warrants for all moneys ordered to be paid at regular meetings, and none other; to advise punctually the P. S. of all votes of the Lodge imposing any assessment, or imposing or remitting any fine, and, also, of all fines otherwise incurred by any brother; to make out, at the end of his term, for the Grand Lodge, a full return of the proceedings of the Lodge during the term; to have his books written up for the Finance Committee within twenty-four hours after the last meeting of his term; and perform all such other duties appertain-

ing to his office as may be required of him by the Lodge or by his charge.

12.—It shall be the duty of the P. S. to keep just and true accounts between the Lodge and its members; to charge and collect all dues, charges, assessments and fines, and to report, from time to time, the names of all brothers who may neglect to pay the same when duly notified; to notify, in particular, by means of a written or printed circular, every brother who may be in arrears at the close of the second week in each quarterly term, of the amount due by him; to advise the Secretary, from time to time, of the names of all brothers being in arrears either twelve or eighteen calendar months; to receive all other moneys due to the Lodge; to pay over forthwith all moneys collected, or otherwise received by him, for the Lodge, to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same; to furnish, at the last meeting in each semi-annual term, a statement of all moneys received and paid by him to the Treasurer; to have his books written up for the Finance Committee within twenty-four hours after such meeting; and to deliver up in good order for his successor all books, papers and other properties appertaining to his office.

13.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the P. S. all monies of the Lodge, and carefully to take charge of, and deal with the same, in such manner as may be required by the By-laws, or by any vote of the Lodge, duly passed, and in conformity therewith; to pay all warrents signed by the N. G., if drawn on account of benefits due under these laws, and also all warrants signed by the N. G., and attested by the Secretary, but none others; to keep correct account of all moneys coming into his hands; to lay before the Lodge a monthly statement of its funds, and, at the last meeeing in the term, a full report of the receipts and disbursements of the term, with vouchers; to have his books written up for the Finance Committee within twenty-four hours after such meeting; and to deliver up, when legally called upon, all money, bonds, papers, books, and other property of the Lodge, which may be in his hands, to his successor, or to any brother or brothers whom the Lodge may appoint to receive them. Prior to his installation in office, the Treasurer shall give, with two sureties, to be approved by the Lodge, a joint and several bond to the N. G. and V. G., for the term during which he is to serve, under such penalties and on such conditions as may be prescribed by the Lodge.

14.—It shall be the duty of the Warden to see that the keeper place out the regalia for the use of the brothers, before the opening of the Lodge, and at its close collect and put away the same in a careful manner; to act as Chairman of the Property Committee, and to perform such oth er duties as are prescribed in the charge of his office.

15.—The Chaplain, when present, shall assist in opening and closing the Lodge, according to the requirements of his office.

TRUSTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

16.—There three shall be Trustees of this Lodge, who shall be elected in manner following, viz.:—Three Trustees shall be elected by ballot, as

in the case of elected officers of this Lodge; and at every semi-annual election of officers thereafter, there shall be one Trustee so elected, and the one shall retire from the office who is then completing his third term.

They shall be charged with the general supervision and care of the funds, investments, and other property of the Lodge; shall invest said funds in such loans, stocks, or other securities as the Lodge may direct; shall receive all money ordered to be drawn from the Treasurer for the purpose of investment, and deposit the vouchers with the P. S., who shall then place them in the hands of the Treasurer for safe keeping; shall call in, sell and realize all such loans, or other investments, when the Lodge shall order same to be done; shall collect all the interests, dividends, rents, and other moneys accruing from any and all the investments belonging to the Lodge at the earliest practicable opportunity.

COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

18.—The N. G., upon the night of his installation, shall appoint (subject to the approval of the Lodge) the following standing Committees, to serve for the current term, viz.:—a Visiting Committee, a Finance Committee, and a Property Committee.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

19.—The Visiting Committee shall consist of seven members, of whom the N. G. and V. G. shall be two, *ex officio*.

20.—It shall be the duty of this Committee to visit every sick brother this Lodge within twenty-four hours after receiving information of his illness, provided he be within five miles of the Lodge; and to render such other aid as the laws o fthis Lodge provide, and as his case may require and admit.

21.—It shall be the duty of the Chairman of this Committee to make such arrangements as that sick brothers of this Lodge, if within five miles of the Lodge, shall be visited at least once a day during their illness, by one or more members of the Committee; to keep a correct roll of the names and residences of all the brothers of the Lodge, for the use of the Committee; and, whenever circumstances may require it, to call upon so many of the brothers, in order as they stand upon such roll, as may be necessary to secure the attendance and services of two brothers to watch nightly with any sick brother, or procure a nurse.

22.—In case of contagious or infectious disease it shall not be incumbent on members of the committee personally to visit the sick brother; and should attendance be required, instead of calling upon brothers as above provided, the committee shall employ a nurse, to be paid from the funds of the Lodge.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

23.—The Finance Committee shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to superintend the financial affairs of the Lodge; to inspect and report upon all accounts referred to them, at the regular meeting next following the reference of such accounts, provided always that accounts are presented in detail; and to audit semi-annually the accounts of the P. S. and the Treasurer for the previous term and of all officers and committees charged with the receipt or expenditure of money of the Lodge.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

24.—The Property Committee shall consist of three members, including the Warden, who shall be chairman thereof, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all regalia, and other effects of the Lodge not specially allotted to Trustees, or to other committees; to procure such articles as may be necessary, when the Lodge may direct; to cause to be made such repairs to the regalia or other property, as the Lodge may direct; and to make a full report of their proceedings at the last meeting in each semi annual term.

COMMITTEES ON CHARACTER.

25.—It shall be the duty of all Committees on Character to ascertain carefully, the age, profession, habits, and character of the candidates referred to them, and to have them undergo a medical examination by the physician of the Lodge; to see that they have been residents in this jurisdiction at least six months; and to make special report thereon to the Lodge at the next regular meeting, unless further time be granted.

COMMITTEES NEGLECTING DUTY.

26.—Any Committee, or member or members of Committee, failing to discharge their duty to the satisfaction of the Lodge, may be discharged therefrom by a vote to that effect.

Every Committee, or member or members thereof, thus discharged, shall forthwith surrender, on demand to that effect, to the N. G., or to such brother, or brothers, as the Lodge may appoint, all books, papers, money, and other property of the Lodge, which may be in his or their hands.

ADMISSION FEE.

27.—Every person initiated into this Lodge, shall, previous to his admission, pay a fee in accordance with the following rule, viz:—From the age of 21 to 25, $5; from 25 to 30, 25 cents each additional year; from 30 to 35, 37½ cents each additional year; from 35 to 40, 50 cents each additional year; from 40 to 45, $1 each additional

year; and from 45 to 50, $1.50 each additional year, after which age none shall be admitted. And every candidate, at the time of his initiation, shall pay, in addition to the fee as laid down, the amount due for the balance of the then current quarter.

28.—Every brother admitted to membership in this Lodge, as an Ancient Odd Fellow shall pay as follows:—From 21 to 30 years of age, $5; from 30 to 40, 25 cents for each additional year; from 40 to 45, $1 for each additional year; from 45 to 50, $2 for each additional year.

29.—Every brother admitted to membership in this Lodge by deposit of Card from any other Lodge, shall, previous to admission, pay unto the funds of this Lodge as follows:—From 21 to 30 years of age, $5; and this sum shall be augmented 25 cents for each additional year from 30 to 40; 50 cents each additional year from 40 to 50, after which age $2 shall be charged for each additional year.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

30.—The regular contribution to be paid by every brother of this Lodge into its funds, shall be $1.25 *per quarter*, and on no account whatever, shall any brother be excused from such payment, which shall be payable the first regular meeting in each quarter.

31.—Whenever any benefit shall accrue to the account of a brother, payment shall be required therefrom of such quarterly dues as may be chargeable to the close of the then current quarter.

32.—Whenever any brother shall take out a Visiting Card, he shall be required to make payment in advance of all dues chargeable to the close of the term for which such card may have been granted.

CHARGES FOR DEGREES.

33.—The charges for Degrees in this Lodge shall be $1.00 for the first three Degrees, and $2.00 for each of the others. The amount of such charges, must be deposited in the hands of the P. S., before any brother can be balloted for to obtain a certificate entitling him to receive such Degrees, but shall be returned by the P. S., should such candidate be refused.

OTHER CHARGES.

34.—For every Visiting Card there shall be a charge of 30 cents; for a Card of Clearance, 30 cents. Such charge must, in all cases, be deposited (together with any amount of other dues becoming payable previous to the issue of such card), in the hands of the P. S., before any motion can be made in the Lodge for the granting of such card, but shall be returned by the P. S., should such motion not prevail.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' GENERAL FUND.

35.—There shall be two Funds of this Lodge, the Widows and Or-

phans', and the General Benefit Fund ; the former being chargeable with all benefits to widows and orphans of deceased brothers, the latter with all other benefits and Lodge expenses.

86.—There shall be carried to the credit of the Widows and Orphans' Fund ; all moneys which, at the time of the passing of these By-Laws, may be at the credit of the said Fund ; one-fifth part of all quarterly dues ; all fines collected for neglect of duty, &c. ; the proposition fees of candidates who do not appear for initiation within the required time ; all donations ; all bequests which may be made thereto ; and all mopeys which may be raised by assessment, as hereafter provided, in aid thereof.

87.—All other moneys accruing to the Lodge shall be carried to the account of the General Fund.

ASSESSMENTS.

88.—Whenever any benefit or benefits, to an amount exceeding Fifty Dollars, may become due and payable from the Widows and Orphans' Fund in the course of any one quarter, if the books of the Lodge do not show a balance of as much as Four Hundred Dollars to remain to the account of such fund after the payment thereof, then as nearly as may be, one-half of the amount of such benefit or benefits shall forthwith be raised in aid of the fund, by an assessment, to be levied by the P. S. in equal proportions upon all Brothers of the Lodge ; and if the books do not show a balance of as much as Three Hundred Dollars to remain to the account of the said fund, after such payment, then as nearly as may be, the whole amount of such benefit or benefits shall forthwith be raised in aid thereof, and in like manner. Whenever any benefit or benefits, to an amount exceeding One Hundred Dollars, may have become due and payable from the General Fund, in the course of any one quarter, if the books of the Lodge do not show a balance of as much as Six Hundred Dollars, to remain to the account of the General Fund, after payment thereof, then, as nearly as may be, one-half of the amount of such benefits shall forthwith be raised in aid of the said fund, by assessment as aforesaid ; and if the books do not show a balance of as much as Four Hundred Dollars to remain to the account of said fund after such payment, then, as nearly as may be the whole amount of such benefit or benefits shall forthwith be raised in aid thereof, and in like manner. The P. S. shall charge every Brother of the Lodge, at the commencement of each quarterly term, with the amount of any assessment or assessments which he may be required to make, under the above provisions; and all such amounts shall be held to become due and payable in all respects as though they formed a part of the regular quarterly dues for such term.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

89.—Investment of all moneys of the Lodge, which it may not be deemed necessary to keep in the immediate charge of the Treasurer,

to meet ordinary disbursements, shall be made by, and in the name of the Trustees of the Lodge, from time to time, as the Lodge may direct. All dividends, interest, or other income accruing therefrom, shall be duly demanded, and received by them, and the amount thereof be paid over forthwith to the P. S., for delivery to the Treasurer.

40.—All moneys of the Lodge not invested as aforesaid, shall remain in the hands of the Treasurer, subject to the By-Laws and orders of the Lodge.

41.—No motion in any way relating to the investment of the Funds of this Lodge, as provided by the Laws, shall be put to vote at any meeting, whether regular or special, unless two weeks' notice of such motion for the appropriation of moneys belonging to this Lodge, other than for the general purposes of the Lodge, and for the relief of members of distant Lodges, shall be put to vote, until notice thereof has been read at three Regular or Special meetings of the Lodge; and a written or printed notice of such motion has been mailed to every member of the Lodge, whose residence is recorded on our list of members.

SICK BENEFITS.

42.—Every brother who has been a member of this Lodge for the space of six months, shall be deemed a *bona fide* member, and, when in good standing, if rendered incapable of following his usual occupation by sickness or other disability, not proceeding from immoral conduct on his part, shall receive a benefit from the funds of the Lodge during such sickness or disability, at the rate following, that is to say: —If he shall have attained the Scarlet Degree, $3 per week; if he shall have attained the Royal Blue Degree, $2 per week; and if he shall have attained the Initiatory Degree only, $1.50 per week.

43.—That any brother who neglects reporting the Lodge of his sickness within six weeks shall receive no benefit.

44.—If such a brother be a non-resident, or if his sickness or disability, as aforesaid, occur at a distance from Mitchell, it shall be necessary that a statement or statements of his case, setting forth the nature of his sickness or disability, at the time of its commencement and duration, be transmitted to the N.G. of this Lodge, certified by the Chairman of the Relief Committee, or the N. G. of the Lodge nearest to the place where he may be for the time resident or detained, and under the seal of such Lodge, or, if he be not near any Lodge, by a Justice of the Peace, or a clergyman, or licensed medical practitioner; and such brother shall thereupon receive the benefit provided by the preceding clause. In case such Brothers shall leave Mitchell, while in receipt of benefit as aforesaid, it shall rest with the Lodge, by vote, to decide whether or not the circumstances of the case are such as to require the continuance of such benefit during his absence from Mitchell.

FUNERAL BENEFITS.

45—On the decease of any *bona fide* member, he having attained

the Scarlet Degree, and not disqualified under article VI. of these By-laws, the sum of Thirty Dollars shall be allowed as a Funeral Benefit; any having attained the Royal Blue shall receive Twenty-two Dollars and Fifty cents, and in case he has only attained the Initiatory Degree, the sum of Fifteen Dollars shall be paid; the same to be disposed of as provided by Article II., Section 2, Clause 3 of the Constitution.—On the decease of the Wife of any Brother having attained the Scarlet Degree, and qualified as aforesaid, he shall receive from the funds of the Lodge the sum of Fifteen Dollars; a Brother having attained the Royal Blue Degree, the sum of Eleven Dollars and Twenty-five cents; and if he has only attained the Initiatory Degree, the sum of Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents shall be paid to assist in defraying the expenses of the Funeral.

BENEFITS TO WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

46.—The sum of $20 per annum shall be paid in quarterly payments to the widow (during her widowhood) of a Scarlet Degree member, provided always that such member shall have been, at the time of his decease, in good standing and free from all charges in the Lodge; the sum of $15 and $10 respectively, to the widow of a Royal Blue or Initiatory Degree member, payable under provisions similar to those as in the case of members of the Scarlet Degree.

47.—In cases where no widow is left, or when, subsequent to the decease of a brother, his widow dies, the yearly sum to which, in the first case, she, the said widow, would have been entitled, or in the second case, she had been receiving up to the date of her decease, shall be allotted for the benefit of the child or children (if any) of said deceased brother; and upon any one of the said children attaining the age of 15 years, the allotment in such case shall revert to the remaining children in equal proportions. But it shall, in the case of female children, be competent for the Lodge to extend the period for payment of such benefits as they may deem advisable and just.

48.—Should circumstances require it, the Lodge may withdraw from the widow of a deceased brother, the benefit above set forth, and grant the same to his orphan child or children under the age of fifteen; but after attaining the proper age, such benefit shall revert back to the widow.

49.—Should the widow of such deceased brother marry again, while any child or children of such brother shall be under the age of fifteen years, it shall be optional with the Lodge to grant such benefit, or any part thereof, to such child or children.

RELIEF IN SPECIAL CASES.

50.—Whenever it may become known that any brother of this Lodge has been reduced to a state of pecuniary distress, by any sudden and unlooked for dispensation, his case shall be referred to a special committee of three brothers, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same, and report to the Lodge, whether any, and what sum, in their

opinion, should be granted for relief; and it shall be competent for the Lodge, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the brothers present, to grant him any sum not exceeding $20.

51.—If a member of a distinct Lodge apply to this Lodge for relief, on the presentation of his card, his case shall be referred to the N. G. and one or more members who have attained the Scarlet Degree, who shall examine him, and if found correct, they shall be at liberty to contribute at once a sum not exceeding $4, and shall report the same to the Lodge at the next meeting, when, if necessary, on motion, such further sum may be voted as shall be deemed proper.

52.—Any member making use of improper means to obtain benefits from this Lodge shall upon conviction thereof, be suspended or expelled as the Lodge may determine.

DISABILITIES.

53.—No brother shall be allowed to vote in Lodge on the night of his initiation, or speak except by permission of the N. G.

54.—No brother shall be permitted to speak or vote in Lodge if not in the full regalia appertaining to his rank.

55.—No brother who shall be more than three months in arrears for Lodge dues shall be permitted to speak or vote in the Lodge, on the election of officers, or for the appropriation of funds.

56.—No brother shall be entitled to any benefits during the first six calendar months after his admission to the Lodge.

57.—No funeral or sick benefits shall be payable by this Lodge, to any brother who, when his sickness began, was more than three months in arrear.

FINES.

58.—Every brother offending against the rules of the Order, or of this Lodge, in respect of any of the particulars hereinafter enumerated, shall be fined as follows:

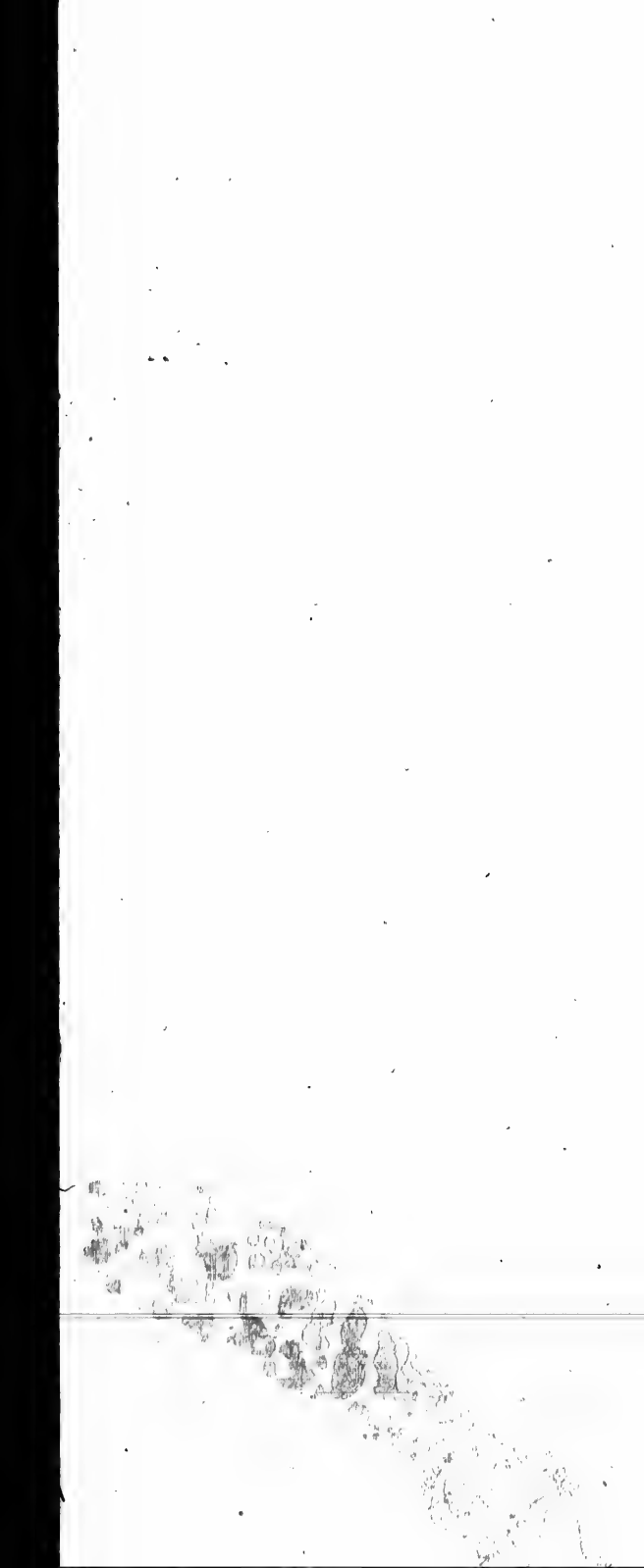
For any improper language, offensive personality, or other language such as is prohibited by the rules of the order, or disrespect for any of the officers of the Lodge, while in Lodge, or disobedience to the N. G. when called to order, not less than 25 cents.

For any failure to watch with a sick brother when summoned to do so, $1, or provide a nurse or substitute.

For any failure to report the sickness of a brother of the Lodge to the N. G., or to the Lodge, within 24 hours after he shall have obtained the information of the same, or as soon as may be practicable, the sum of 25 cents.

Members of Committee failing to discharge any duty incumbent upon them as such, shall be fined as follows, unless a reasonable excuse be offered:

If of the Visiting Committee, for every such failure, 25 cents. If of a Committee on Character, 25 cents. If of any other Committee,



not less than 25 cents for every such failure, at the discretion of the N. G., or (if the Lodge see fit to exercise it) of the Lodge.

Any officer failing to discharge his duties shall be fined as follows:

If charged with any book or books of the Lodge and he fail to have the same in the Lodge at the opening of any meeting, regular or special, a further fine of 25 cents.

If charged with any key or keys of the Lodge, the want of which may deprive the Lodge of any books, papers, regalia, or other property, and he fail to have the same in the Lodge at the opening of any meeting, regular or special, a further fine of 25 cents.

59.—All fines incurred shall be forthwith charged by the P. S. to the account of the brother incurring them; and, unless remitted by the vote of the Lodge, on account of any circumstances which may appear to the lodge to warrant such remission, shall become due and payable, for the quarter during which they have been incurred.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION.

60.—Any brother guilty of language or conduct in Lodge, meriting in the opinion of the Lodge, a severer penalty than the fines already authorized; or who shall bring charges against a brother on evidence which the Lodge shall not regard as sufficient to warrant him in so doing; or who shall knowingly misrepresent the qualifications of any candidate for admission; or who shall abuse, or attempt to abuse, in any way, the benevolent intentions of the Order; or who shall be guilty of fraud in any business transaction, or of other dishonorable conduct, or of habitual drunkeness or immorality, or of infraction of the laws of the land, shall be suspended from membership, or expelled, as the Lodge may by vote determine.

61.—No brother shall be permitted to appear in Lodge while suspended from membership; nor shall any sentence of suspension be considered to expire, or be reversed, unless by special vote of the Lodge to that effect, and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in cases of suspensions for non-payment of dues, and no motion to that end shall be put to vote more than once, in the case of any individual, in any one term, nor unless at a regular meeting, and after formal notice thereof at the two regular meetings next preceding; nor if the suspension has been pronounced for any fixed term; nor shall any vote take effect until after the brother shall have paid up all dues and fines to the Lodge, charged or chargeable against him, as well during his term of suspension as previous thereto.

62.—If any member of this Lodge shall disclose the rejection of a candidate for initiation, or for admission by card, he shall be subject to expulsion, or such other punishment as the majority of the Lodge may determine; and, whenever such rejections occur, this clause shall be read in Lodge, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary (should the brother who proposed the candidate decline) to inform such person of his rejection, without disclosing any other circumstance or proceeding of the Lodge.

63.—No refreshments, other than water, will be allowed in the Lodge

room, or in any part thereto belonging, on the evenings of meeting; and no smoking until after Lodge hours, except in the Reception room.

AMENDMENTS.

64.—No motion to repeal, suspend, or amend these By-laws, or any part thereof, shall be put to vote until the same shall have been read in Lodge at three consecutive regular meetings; nor shall the consideration of, or voting upon, any such motion be postponed after such third reading, unless by vote of the Lodge; nor shall such motion be declared to prevail unless, upon the final division thereon, two-thirds of the brothers present and voting shall vote in favor of it.

PRAYERS ADOPTED.

OPENING PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful GOD! we adore Thee as the Creator of all worlds, and the righteous Governor of all beings, upon whom we are dependent for life and all its blessings, and without whose favor on human enterprise can permanently prosper. Lift upon us, we pray Thee, O Lord, the light of thy countenance, and bless us while we are together this evening. May all things be done in the spirit of charity and brotherly kindness, and may our labors of love be blessed to the promotion of the best interests of our beloved Order. Hear us, O GOD, in behalf of the stranger, the sick, the afflicted, the widow and the orphan, and bless them as Thou seest they may need. Keep us ever in thy fear and wisdom, and save us all with an everlasting salvation; and to Thy great name be all the glory, "as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall, world without end." AMEN.

CLOSING PRAYER.

WE BLESS Thee, O Lord, that we have been permitted to enjoy this, another Lodge meeting. Pardon what Thou hast seen amiss in us; and now, as we are about to depart, let thy blessing be with us, and with all our brethren throughout the globe. May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue adorn our lives, while members of this lodge below; and at last may we be admitted to the joys of a better world, and Thine be the power and glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

RULES OF ORDER.

Rule I.—As soon as the Presiding Officer shall have taken the chair the Officers and Brothers present shall take their respective stations and the Lodge shall then be opened in ancient form.

Rule II.—The order of procedure, after opening, shall be as follows:—

1.—The calling of the Roll of Officers.

2.—The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by Absentees from previous meetings.

3.—The reading by the Secretary of the minutes of the last Lodge night; the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.

4.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports from the Visiting Committee, or from other Brothers who may have to report the fact of any Brother being sick or in distress.

5.—The Nomination or Election of Officers, on the evenings designated for such Nomination or Election.

6.—The receiving and consideration of Reports of Committees on Character, and balloting thereon.

7.—The Initiation of Candidates for Membership.

8.—The receiving of Propositions for Membership, and their reference to Committees on Character.

9.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Officers or Standing Committees, which may require to be made in pursuance of the By-Laws.

10.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Special Committees, in the order of their seniority.

11.—The reading and consideration of Accounts and other Communications in the hands of the Secretary.

12.—Good and Welfare: being *first*, Unfinished Business, in order of priority at former Meetings; and *secondly*, New Business.

13.—The closing of the Lodge.

Rule III.—Any member offering a motion must do so in writing, if a request to that effect be made by the Secretary, the Presiding Officer or the Lodge.

Rule IV.—No question shall be put by the Presiding Officer, unless regularly moved and seconded; nor be open for consideration until so put; and, when put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion—

1.—To adjourn;
2.—To lay on the Table;
3.—To put the previous question;
4.—To postpone;
5.—To refer; or
6.—To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof, shall be decided without debate.

Rule V.—The Previous Question shall be put from the Chair, only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the members of the Lodge present, and then shall always be put in the words following:—"*Shall the Question be now put?*", which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending, immediately before such call for the previous question may have been so made.

Rule VI.—If the vote of the Lodge, taken pursuant to such call for the Previous Question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon forthwith put to vote the question so pending, immediately before such call, and shall allow no amendment or further debate thereon; and if, on the other had, the vote of the Lodge be in the negative, the Presiding Officer shall be thereby precluded from putting to vote, during the remainder of the current term, the question so pending as aforesaid.

Rule VII.—Any member may require the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

Rule VIII.—When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, and longest or latest time, proposed.

Rule IX.—The Ayes and Nays shall be taken and recorded, on the call of any member, duly seconded.

Rule X.—After any question, except that of indefinite postponement or the previous question, may have been decided, any two members having voted in the majority, may, at the same or next regular meeting, move for a re-consideration thereof; but no discussion on the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

Rule XI.—Any question decided by the Lodge, shall not again be brought before it, otherwise than by a re-consideration, as provided in the foregoing Rule, unless notice thereof shall have been given at the meeting immediately preceding: and such notice shall not be received during the term in which the question has been decided.

Rule XII.—Every member shall have the privilege to speak twice on any question, but not oftener, unless by permission of the Presiding Officer.

Rule XIII.—Any brother intending to speak on a question, shall rise in his place, and respectfully address the Presiding Officer, confining himself to the questions, and avoiding personalities; and should more than one brother rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor.

Rule XIV.—The Presiding officer, or any member, may call a brother to order while speaking; and in such case the debate shall be forthwith supended, and the brother so called to order shall not proceed, until the point of order thus raised be determined, nor speak upon such point of order, unless it be to make necessary explanation, or appeal from the decision of the Chair.

Rule XV.—In all cases where a member may appeal from any decision of the Chair, he shall use the words following, and none other, unless it be for necessary explanation:—"M. N., *I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Lodge*;" and the Lodge

shall, after such explanation from the Presiding Officer as he may deem necessary, proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question :—"*Will the Lodge sustain the decision of the Chair ?*"

Rule XVI.—Any brother who may have been called to order for manifestation of temper, or improper feeling, must apologise to the Lodge or to any aggrieved party if required to do so by the Presiding Officer; and shall not speak again on the pending question, except to explain or apologise, unless specially permitted so to do by the Presiding Officer.

Rule XVII.—The Presiding Officer, or the Lodge, may, at any time, require all Members present to vote upon any pending question, or may excuse any Member or Members from so doing.

Rule XVIII.—Brothers, not Members of this Lodge, may address the Lodge, on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

Rule XIX.—No Brother shall retire while the Lodge is open, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

Rule XX.—A motion to suspend or altar the Order of Procedure, as contained in Rule II., for the remainder of a meeting, may, at any time, be carried by a unanimous vote, or, if as many as seven Members call upon the Lodge to sustain it, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the Members present and voting thereon ; but no motion to suspend or altar such Order of Procedure for a longer term, shall at any time be put to vote.

Rule XXI.—These Rules or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled, (except in the case provided for by Rule XX.), by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

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